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\_\_\_\_\_CLASSIFICATION SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 50X1 7520 CASE SECRET DATE DISTR. COUNTRY Mar 52 NO. OF PAGES Maintenance of Casualty Records SUBJECT in the Soviet Army NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE (LISTED BELOW) **ACQUIRED** 50X1 SUPPLEMENT TO DATE ACQUIRED REPORT NO. DATE OF IN THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1 responsibilities. In the Soviet Army in wartime, casualty lists are drawn up by company and battalion commanders in their morning reports (SUTOCHNAYA VEDOMOST) of estimated unit strengths. The morning reports are forwarded to the Regimental Personnel Section (NACHALNIK STROYEVOGO OTDELENIYA) which compiles a consolidated report. The consolidated report is forwarded to Army Group and Central Headquarters in Moscow. Requests for information from next of kin of a deceased soldier are accepted by the Army Group and Central Headquarters in Moscow. However, notification of next of kin is generally handled by the Regimental Personnel Section which sends out a standard form to next of kin giving the place of burial, date of death, and indicates whether or not the soldier is missing in action. It is my opinion that the Regimental Personnel Section did its work inefficiently and in many cases next of kin 50X1 were never notified. 50X1 Mass burial on the battlefield is standard procedure in the Soviet Army except in the case of very important people. Common graves are marked by a monument commemorating the action of the deceased in the battle in which they fought. In peacetime individual graves are provided for soldiers in the areas of garrisons and camps. Enlisted men and officers in the Soviet Army carry identification which includes their name, date of birth, blood type, and the address of next of kin. The data is carried in a small, round, plastic tube which is carried in the individual's pocket. Enlisted men also carry a service booklet (SLUZHEVNAYA SECRET CLASSIFICATION SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

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KNIZHKA) which is similar to the US Army form twenty. Officers carry, in addition to the identification tube, a certificate of identification which 50X1 comparable to the enlisted man's service booklet.

When a casualty is sent to a hospital no notification is sent to the next of kin. If the soldier should die in the hospital, the hospital personnel section is responsible for notifying the next of kin. The hospital personnel section is efficiently operated, in contrast to the Regimental Personnel Section.

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